

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003.

Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-18 and 20-24 are rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,101,506 to Ukai et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,238,106 to Rosati. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Ukai et al., describes a method and system for managing files. Rosati describes a AC drive display. Rosati describes a system in which different parameters can be selected by the user. The user can scroll through the parameters and select parameters for display. The selection of parameters causes an asterisk to appear with the display to indicate the parameter has been selected. A scrolling function can be activated to cause the display of the selected parameters in sequence.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 of the present invention include the limitations of "designating the first selected object as a representative of the group and displaying the representative of the group". These limitations are not disclosed, suggested by or given a motivation for the cited references. As indicated by the Examiner, Ukai does not disclose the automatic determination of a first selected object as a representative of a group.

The Examiner suggests that Rosati provides the motivation for designating the first selected object instead of the last. There is believed to be no such motivation in the Rosati reference.

Rosati does not describe designating a first selected object as a representation of a group. Each of the selected parameters are displayed in a scrolling fashion in the order selected. However, in Rosati, the first parameter is not selected as a representative of the group. Each selected parameter only represents itself. Additionally, all of the selected parameters are displayed. For this reason, the first selected parameter cannot be considered a representative of the group.

Additionally, Rosati comes from a completely different technology area from Ukai et al., and the present invention. Rosati concerns displays for electrical devices such as motors. Ukai concerns file management systems. For this reason, it would not be obvious to combine the teachings of these references.

For the above discussed reasons, independent claims 1, 9 and 17 are believed to be allowable. Claims 2 and 4-8 are dependent on claim 1. Claims 10 and 12-16 are dependent on claim 9. Claims 18 and 20-14 are dependent on claim 17. For these reasons and because of additional limitations of these claims, these claims are believed to be allowable.

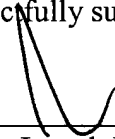
The references cited by the Examiner but not relied upon have been reviewed, but are not believed to render the claims unpatentable, either singly or in combination.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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